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**MIOSHA LATEX GLOVES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 12, 2008 - 9:30 to Noon
General Office Building—Lansing—Conference Room G
AMENDED MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT

Anthony Burton, MD..... GM Powertrain Willow Run Co-Chairperson
Gregory Bozimowski Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists Co-Chairperson
Margie Vissman Occupational Health Standards Commission Liaison
MaryAnn Minard..... Michigan Nurses Association
Michele Goodyear Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

NOT PRESENT:

Dee Tyler Michigan Health & Hospital Association
Lisha Sly UNITE-HERE Union
Terri Wiggins..... Marriott Hotels

MIOSHA STAFF PRESENT:

Marsha Parrott-Boyle Standards Section
Dena Hendon..... Standards Section
Elaine Clapp..... General Industry Safety & Health Division

Agenda Item #1— Welcome and Introductions – Co-Chairperson Anthony Burton, MD

The March 12, 2008 MIOSHA Latex Gloves Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Anthony Burton, MD. Dee Tyler intended to teleconference from 9:30 to 10:00; however this meeting started at 10:00.

Agenda Item #2— Approval of Minutes for the February 19, 2008 Meeting

A motion was made by Gregory Bozimowski and was seconded by MaryAnn Minard to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2008 Advisory Committee meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Marsha Parrott-Boyle stated it appears that American Conference of Governmental Industry Hygienists (ACGIH) will adopt threshold limit values for natural rubber latex. She hopes to have a copy of this documentation by the next meeting.

Michele Goodyear reported that on March 1, 2008, the State of Idaho's legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate directed that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to work with the Food Safety Advisory Council to review current research on health risks pertaining to natural rubber latex use in food preparation and recommend guidelines to deal with such risks.

Agenda Item #3-Survey Results

'Major Industries Summary (A)' and 'Industry By Facility Type (B)' charts dated March 4, 2008 were distributed and reviewed. Also individual charts for 'Service Industry,' 'Medical – non-dental,' 'Food Service,' and 'Dental Hygienist' were distributed.

Dena Hendon reported that 30 additional surveys had been received since the last meeting. We received 23 additional surveys from Dental Hygienists and through MaryAnn Minard efforts at contacting the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association 7 surveys have been received from them.

During the discussion it was noted that the percentage between NO and YES latex gloves is gradually growing closer together, although this may be due to the increase in responses from dental hygienists. To date, 52% of facilities surveyed do not use latex gloves and 48% do use latex gloves.

MaryAnn Minard will try at the April meeting to recruit volunteers in MNA's Safety Congress to survey doctor offices in one or two Michigan cities by phone.

Agenda Item #4-Discussion of Rule Revision

Co-Chairperson Anthony Burton, MD. distributed abstracts of several articles regarding glove permeability studies for both non-latex and latex gloves. The committee concluded that latex and non-latex gloves both have defects, and one type of glove may not be significantly better in a practical application.

Co-Chairperson Gregory Bozimowski reported that he spoke with Dr. Robert H. Brown, chair of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Latex Task Force whom contributed to making the hospital latex-safe. Dr. Brown stated that removing latex gloves was done gradually over time with a large variety of other types of gloves available to staff. Eventually, even surgeons agreed that the alternatives have as much tactile sensitivity as the latex gloves.

The advisory committee reviewed proposed rule language Draft #3 dated February 19, 2008. The language was changed in (b) to add low-protein and in (c) the signage language was improved. The committee reviewed OH Part 554 Bloodborne Infectious Diseases, OH Part 433 Personal Protective Equipment, and GI Part 33 Personal Protective Equipment for appropriate rule language.

Per the request of the present advisory committee members; the revised draft will be emailed to all committee members for review, comments and concerns prior to the next meeting.

Agenda Item #5— Next Meeting Date

Next Meeting Date – July 23, 2008—Wednesday—9:30 a.m.

General Office Building—7150 Harris Drive—Lansing-Conference Room I

Agenda Item #6—Public Comment

None

Agenda Item #7—Adjournment

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

****Minutes were reviewed, amended, and approved at the July 23, 2008 meeting.****